

Rainwater drainage project in full swing



Construction of rainwater drainage networks is underway

● **Completion rate has reached 56%**

● **Main line to drain rainwater in Al Aker**

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has completed 56% of work on the construction of a main rainwater drainage line to connect the housing project in blocks 624 and 626 in Al Aker area.

Capital Municipality Council head Saleh Tarada said that the project aims to mitigate rainwater accumulations in that area. It comes as part of a series of joint efforts between the Works Ministry and Amanah for the Capital to develop the infrastructure in the Capital Governorate and rehabilitate the most affected areas during the rainy season.

The areas were identified by the Rainy Committee, which was formed by the Ministry, in coordination with the Capital

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Municipality Council and the Municipal Councils.

Tarada stressed the keenness of the Capital Municipality Council to follow up on all projects being implemented, including projects to establish rainwater drainage networks to provide the best infrastructure services for citizens and residents during the rainy season.

“The project includes the construction of approximately one kilometre of main lines. The extension of 595 metres of

those lines has been completed, and a pumping station is built, in addition to the construction of 17 inspection rooms,” Tarada said.

“We call upon the residents of the area to cooperate and abide by the warning signs during the completion of the work of all phases of the project.”

Tarada thanked the Works Ministry for its efforts to follow up and meet the needs of the people of Al Aker and the Capital Municipality.

Call for Filipinos to register for overseas voting

● **Registration will run until September 30, 2021**

● **Personal appearance is required at Embassy**

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Filipinos who have not registered yet for the May 2022 Philippine national elections must visit the Embassy of the Philippines located in Mahooz as personal appearance is required.

Details or biometrics will be captured and those who want to register must bring along a photocopy of valid passport. For seafarers, seaman's book is required aside from a copy of the Philippine passport.

Overseas registration started in December 2019 and will run until September 30, 2021.

The registration is part of the embassy's efforts to gradually shift back to normal consular operations while strictly following the required safety precautions and protocols within its premises.

All qualified Filipino citizens residing and working abroad – better known as the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) – should contact the embassy



Filipino voting registration is ongoing at the Embassy

for details on how to proceed. More details can also be found on the embassy's official website: <https://manamape.dfa.gov.ph/>

Filipinos in the Kingdom have expressed their gratefulness to the embassy for the resumption of the registration, in which they have the chance to exercise their right and duty to choose the next leaders of the country, particularly the president.

Today, there is an estimated 60,000 Filipinos living and working in Bahrain, and they include professional, skilled and semi-skilled workers as well as household service workers. Many of them bring their families here.

To encourage Filipinos to register, the embassy is utilising its social media accounts by

posting infomercials and posters to increase the awareness in Bahrain.

In October last year, the embassy resumed the activity following a five-month suspension due to the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The next Philippine general elections – set to take place on May 9, 2022 – will select the successor of current President Rodrigo Duterte.

According to the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in Manila, overseas voters may cast their votes in Philippine embassies, consulates, and other posts for one month, from April 10 to May 9 next year.

Qualified Filipino voters residing and working abroad will choose the next president, vice-president, 12 senators and a party-list representative.

Tightening control over food delivery motorcycles

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and National Security is studying a parliamentary proposal to tighten control on motorcycles designated for delivering restaurant orders in terms of traffic and health.

The proposal was submitted by the Chairman of the Services Committee, Representative Ahmed Al Ansari, while it was signed by Representatives Ali Zayed, Issa Al Dosari, Abdul Razzaq Hattab and Ibrahim Al Nafiei.



MP Al Ansari

The proposal comes in response to reports of abuses committed by food delivery motorcycles.

It aims to tighten control over them by putting an end to traffic violations committed by them, as well as by setting

health requirements on food carrying boxes installed at the back of the bike.

The explanatory memorandum provided a number of justifications, in which it stated that many traffic violations have been witnessed recently involving motorcyclists designated for transporting and delivering restaurant orders.

The most prominent of the violations is the use by drivers of sidewalks and pedestrian paths as shortcuts, which endangers the lives of pedestrians, road users and cyclists alike.

Tenders are awarded for roads, sanitation and building projects

● **Aimed at keeping pace with urban expansion and advancing economic development**

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The Tender Board has awarded four tenders for roads, sanitation and buildings projects with a total cost of BD3,327,997.

It also offered 12 tenders with an estimated value of BD4,843,318 for the three sectors' development projects.

Eng. Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Khayyat, Undersecretary for Works Affairs at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, said that these tenders reflect the government's interest and keenness to implement development projects.

They are aimed at meeting the needs of citizens, keeping pace with the urban expansion in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and advancing economic development.

The most prominent projects that were awarded last month was the first phase of the improvement of Raya Street, at



The Tender and Auction Board members

a cost of BD1,118,044, which includes developing the street from its intersection with Arad Street to its intersection.

With Street 13 of 1.2 km long, and the opening of its intersection with Street 38 with a length of approximately 140 metres, the project will also include converting it into a dual street with two lanes in each direction, in addition to developing existing intersections by creating a traffic light, establishing a network for rainwater drainage, and improving the level of lighting.

The time contract for the

maintenance of bridges (2021-2022) was awarded at a total cost of BD850,000, which aims to preserve it and keep it within the technical level and construction and functional performance, in addition to awarding the time contract for cleaning and maintenance of optical signals at a cost of BD234,976.

Among the most prominent projects that were put up for tender in the road sector were the project to develop the roads of Isa Town for Complexes 805 and 807, and the development of internal roads in Souq Waqif at Complex 1203 in Hamad City.

With the aim of facilitating traffic movement and developing traffic safety standards in the region to provide security and safety for road users, citizens and residents, and in the sanitation sector, one of the most prominent projects that was put up for tender is the project of operating the triple treatment plant in the Tubli wastewater treatment plant.

The most prominent projects that were put up for tender in the buildings sector were the comprehensive maintenance work for six government schools for Al Rawda Primary School for Boys, Al Maameer Primary School for Boys, Salah El Din Al Ayoubi Primary School for Boys, East Riffa Boys School, Zallaq Elementary School for Boys and Belgis School Elementary School for Girls.

They are aimed at preserving the integrity of the buildings' structure, improving the internal environment in them, prolonging their life span, ensuring their sustainability, raising their value and efficiency in the operational and economic terms, in a way that supports educational needs while preserving the facilities and their contents and the safety of building users.

Sehla sewage project hits 75% completion rate



Sewage work in progress

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Work on the first phase of a sewage network construction project in Block 441 in Al Sehla area has reached 75% completion rate.

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning had completed the construction of 1,500 metres of main lines, 600 metres of branch lines, and 150 inspection rooms.

The Director of Sanitary Drainage Planning and Projects Department at the Ministry, Eng. Fathi Abdullah Al Farea noted that work had begun to connect 100 homes to the main sewage network.

He said that the project and the completion of the sewage network in the village of Al Sahla falls within the work programme of the Ministry to develop sewage services in the northern governorate.

Eng. Al Farea noted that it is working on the implementation of important projects that contribute to the expansion and development of facilities of this sector for the largest number of beneficiaries.

It is part of the national strategic plan set by the Ministry for sanitation and water treatment as a basis for planning, developing and expanding networks and treatment systems in Bahrain.